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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Graeme HUNTLEY, et al. Docket No.: M00A223
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants, through their attorney, respectfully respond to the Office Action mailed June 22, 2007, and respectfully request reconsideration of the present application.

Amendments to the Claims/Claims Listing begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

A petition and fee for a three month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is included herewith.